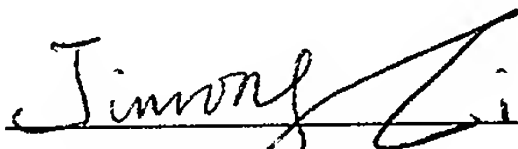


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For: OPTICAL MATERIALS HAVING
GOOD ULTRAVIOLET
ABSORBABILITY AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Rewrite the Reference to Related Applications on page 1 as follows:

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In the Claims:

Cancel claims 5-11 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 1-4 and 12, as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing an optical lens comprising,
adding 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-benzotriazole to a monomer selected from the group consisting of a diethylene glycol bisallylcarbonate monomer, a thiourethane monomer and a episulfide monomer to form a mixture, and
polymerizing the monomer in the mixture to form the optical lens,
wherein the optical lens has a yellowness index (YI) between about 0.7 and 1.6 and a 380 nm UV transmittance of at most 30 % when the monomer is a diethylene glycol bisallylcarbonate monomer and a thickness of the optical lens is about 2.2 mm,
wherein the optical lens has a yellowness index (YI) between about 0.7 and 1.6 and a 380 nm UV transmittance of at most 30 % when the monomer is a thiourethane monomer and a thickness of the optical lens is about 2.2 mm and
wherein the optical lens has a yellowness index (YI) between about 0.7 and 1.8 and a 400 nm UV transmittance of at most 30 % when the monomer is a episulfide monomer and a thickness of the optical lens is about 1.8 mm.
 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising casting the mixture into a mold for a lens before the polymerizing of the monomer to form the optical lens.
 3. (Amended) An optical lens comprising 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-benzotriazole and a polymer formed by polymerizing a monomer selected from the group consisting of a diethylene glycol bisallylcarbonate monomer, a thiourethane monomer and a episulfide monomer.
 4. (Amended) The optical lens of claim 3, wherein said optical lens absorbs long-wave UV rays having a wavelength of around 400 nm.
 12. (Amended) Spectacles comprising the optical lens according to claim 3, 4 or 13.
- Add new claim 13, as follows:

13. The optical lens according to claim 3,

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REMARKS

Applicant has filed this continuation to prosecute further the subject matter of parent claims 1-4, 11 and 12. Applicant has updated the specification and has amended the claims in light of the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, in the parent application. Applicant has amended the claims to improve terminology and correct typographical errors without narrowing the claims. Applicant has clarified claim 1 by deleting the mixing step as a separate step and by reciting that the addition of the 2-(2-hydroxy-4-octyloxyphenyl)-benzotriazole to the monomer forms a mixture.

In light of the foregoing, early action allowing claims 1-4, 12 and 13 is solicited.

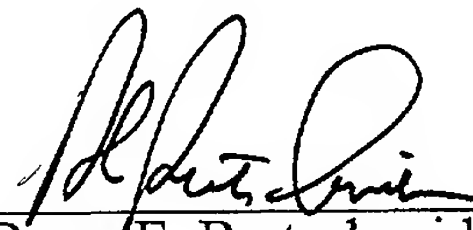
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